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Research Administrative Services, in cooperation with the SPHHP Associate Dean for Research, is here to assist SPHHP investigators with the development and submission of grant applications. We serve as the liaison to UB’s Sponsored Projects Services (SPS). Our services include but are not limited to:

- Budget Development and Refinement
- Funding Searches
- External Review of Grant Applications
- Routing of Approval Forms
- Assistance with Subcontracts
- Assistance with Content Development
- Technical Training and Support
- Templates for Describing SPHHP/UB Resources and Environment
- Creation of pdf. files for submissions

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Funding Opportunities from the NIH

Request for Applications (RFAs)

Substance Use and Abuse among U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families (R01)
(RFA-DA-10-001) Expires: 12/23/09
Application Receipt Date(s): December 22, 2009

Substance Use and Abuse among U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families (R21)
(RFA-DA-10-002) Expires: 12/23/09
Application Receipt Date(s): December 22, 2009

Novel Statistical Methods for Human Gene Expression
Quantitative Trait Loci (eQTL Analysis (R01)
(RFA-RM-09-006) Expires: 9/17/09
Application Receipt Date(s): September 16, 2009

Program Announcements Reviewed in an Institute (PARs)
(special receipt, referral and/or review considerations)

Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment (R01)
PAR-09-224 Expires: 7/6/12
Application Receipt Date(s): (new applications):
October 5, 2009; June 5, 2010; February 5, 2011,
(alternating standard R01 receipt dates).

Behavioral and Social Science Research on
Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)
PAR-07-379 Expires: 9/19/09
Application receipt date(s): September 18, 2009

NIOSH Exploratory and/or Development Grant Program (R21)
PAR-09-139 Expires: 9/8/12
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)
PAR-07-020 Expires: 1/26/10
Application Receipt Date(s): 1/25/10

Program Announcements (PAs - R01s)

Women’s Mental Health in Pregnancy and Postpartum Period (R01)
PA-09-174 Expires: 5/8/12
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply

Alcohol, Decision-Making, and Adolescent Brain Development (R01)
PA-09-097 Expires: 5/8/12
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply

International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research (R01)
PA-09-020 Expires: 1/8/12
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply

Integrating Biobehavioral and Sociocultural Research to Prevent HIV Transmission and Infection (R01)
PA-08-188 Expires: 5/8/11
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-188.html

Diet, Epigenetic Events and Cancer Prevention (R01)
PA-09-234 Expires: 9/8/12
Application Receipt Date(s) Standard dates apply

Epidemiology of Drug Abuse (R01)
PA-08-124 Expires: 5/8/11
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply
Research on Alcohol-Related Public Policies such as Those Detailed in the Alcohol Policy Information System (R01)  
PA-07-427  Expires: 9/8/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Women and Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (R01)  
PA-07-329  Expires: 5/8/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Identifying and Reducing Diabetes and Obesity Related Health Disparities within Healthcare Systems (R01)  
PA-07-388  Expires: 7/6/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Program Announcements (PAs - R21s)

Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy (R21)  
PA-09-141  Expires: 5/8/12  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Secondary Analyses in Obesity, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R21)  
PA-09-131  Expires: 5/8/12  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Dependence (R21)  
PA-09-098  Expires: 5/8/12  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Biomarkers of Infection-Associated Cancers (R21)  
PA-08-157  Expires: 5/8/11  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Epidemiology of Drug Abuse (R21)  
PA-08-125  Expires: 5/8/11  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Diet, Epigenetic Events, and Cancer Prevention (R21)  
PA-09-235  Expires: 9/8/12  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/Bias on Health Care Delivery (R21)  
PA-08-084  Expires: 5/8/11  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-084.html

Research on the Economics of Diet, Activity and Energy Balance (R21)  
PA-08-077  Expires: 11/6/11  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research (R21)  
PA-07-449  Expires: 2/17/11  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Research on Alcohol-Related Public Policies such as Those Detailed on the Alcohol Policy Information System (R21)  
PA-07-428  Expires: 9/8/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R21)  
PA-07-405  Expires: 9/8/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

Women and Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (R21)  
PA-07-331  Expires: 5/8/10  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  

NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program  
PA-09-164  Expires: 5/8/12  (Parent R21)  
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply  
Funding Opportunities from Foundations

The John A. Hartford Foundation – Dedicated to improving Health Care for Older Americans.
http://www.jhartfound.org/grants.htm  The John A. Hartford Foundation supports a limited number of sustainable efforts to improve and integrate the “system” of services need by elders and the effectiveness of selected components of care. The emphasis is on nationally replicable models and it typically by invitation...If you feel that your project falls within this focus, you may submit a brief letter of inquiry (1-2 pages) which summarizes the purpose and activities of the grant, the qualifications of the applicant and the institution, and an estimated cost and time frame for the project....

Financial Data  (yr. ended 12/31/2008) Total Assets: $456,000,000  Total Giving: $25,196,495

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – The mission is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. The goal is to help American lead healthier lives and get the care they need.
http://www.rwjf.org  Unsolicited Proposals: While RWJF awards most of its grants through calls for proposals (CFPs), it also award grants in response to unsolicited proposals in their Building Human Capital, Pioneer and Vulnerable Populations program areas. RWJF accepts unsolicited proposals at any time in these three program areas and issues awards throughout the year. There are no deadlines.
Criteria for Unsolicited Proposals
Through unsolicited proposals, RWJF seeks to learn from grantees' ideas and cultivate new ideas. The most promising unsolicited proposals will:
• address the strategic objectives of the Building Human Capital, Pioneer or Vulnerable Populations program area
• be new and/or innovative
• be best suited for funding through RWJF—rather than through local, public or private sources of funding
• be sustainable without relying on ongoing RWJF funding
• show potential for measurable impact and meaningful change.

Submitting an Unsolicited Proposal: RWJF requires that all applicants initiate the process of applying for an unsolicited grant by submitting a three-page online brief proposal using the application form provided in How to Apply. Talking with RWJF Staff: You do not need to talk with RWJF staff before submitting an unsolicited proposal in order for it to be reviewed or supported. If you have, though, please tell us in your proposal.

Future calls for proposals - Whenever possible, RWJF will post advance notice of when it intends to issue calls for proposals (CFPs). In general, the application deadline for most CFPs will be one to three months after the release date. Important: Not all calls for proposals will be listed on their Web site in advance, and the release date below is subject to change.
Release date: August 2009
Topic: Public Health Services and Systems Research
RWJF (1) supports research to evaluate the value and impact of accreditation and other quality improvement efforts; (2) seeks to engage and expand the field of public health researchers and funding partners; (3) supports integrated surveys on state, county and local public health activities; (4) expands the public repository of datasets and enhance their utility; and (5) assesses how community policies can improve people’s health. RWJF’s work to build the evidence extends beyond just understanding public health agencies, as the Public Health team is supporting research to understand the influence of various public health laws and policies on health outcomes.
The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) [http://ies.ed.gov/funding/] announces its interest in considering unsolicited applications for research, evaluation, statistics, and dissemination projects that would make significant contributions to the mission of the Institute. The Institute's mission is to conduct and support rigorous education statistics, research, and evaluation in order to provide reliable information about the condition of education, education practices that improve academic achievement, and the effectiveness of federal and other education programs. Unsolicited applications are defined as those that are not eligible for funding under the Institute's current grant competitions.

Submit a Prospectus: Those interested in the IES unsolicited opportunity to conduct field initiated research, evaluation, statistics, or dissemination projects should submit a short prospectus that will allow the Institute to decide whether further conversations with the potential applicant are warranted. The prospectus should include (1) a description of the proposed project (note, proposals to conduct research, evaluation, or statistics projects should include descriptions of the proposed methods and data analysis strategy), (2) the proposed timeline, (3) the proposed total budget (including both direct and indirect costs), and (4) the personnel. Please note that the proposed budget does not need to include line-item information, nor does it need to be broken down by project year. For more information, see [http://ies.ed.gov/funding/pdf/unsolicited10.pdf]

**Dog days of Summer—Why so named?** In the summer, Sirius, the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time...“dog days” after the dog star. Almanac makers vary in the dating of this period, which lasts anywhere from four to six weeks...between early July and early September.

Pictured above: The Star Sirius – The Dog Star, Sirius and its tiny companion taken from the Hubble Space Telescope. Astronomers overexposed the image of Sirius A (at center) so that the dim Sirius B (tiny dot at lower left could be seen

**Constellation Canis Major (B. Wise Productions)**

**Words to live by...** "Responsibility is the one thing people dread most of all. Yet it is the one thing in the world that develops us."– Frank Crane

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